

**WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:**

1. A method, comprising:
  - configuring a first device as an associated device in a system;
  - 5 receiving information regarding a second device from a device management component, said second device being registered with said system; and
  - maintaining information regarding said first device and said second device.
- 10 2. The method of claim 1, wherein said configuring a first device as an associated device in a system includes receiving a call from an application to configure said first device as an associated device.
- 15 3. The method of claim 1, wherein said receiving information regarding a second device from a device management component includes receiving device context information regarding said second device from said device management component.
- 20 4. The method of claim 1, wherein maintaining information regarding said first device and said second device includes maintaining device context information for said first device and device context information for said second device.
- 25 5. The method of claim 1, further comprising:
  - receiving a call from an application to configure said first device.
6. The method of claim 1, further comprising:
  - receiving a call from an application to set a device context for said
  - 30 first device.

7. The method of claim 6, further comprising:  
providing device context information for said first device to said application.
- 5 8. The method of claim 1, further comprising:  
providing device context information for said first device and said second device to an application.
9. The method of claim 1, further comprising:  
10 providing device context information for said first device to said device management component.
10. The method of claim 1, further comprising:  
receiving a query for device context information for said first  
15 device.
11. The method of claim 1, further comprising:  
receiving a query for device context information for said first  
device and said second device.  
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12. The method of claim 1, wherein said first device is not registered with said system.
13. The method of claim 1, wherein said device management component  
25 includes a presence and availability service.
14. A system, comprising:  
an application;  
a device management component, said device management  
30 component adapted to communicate with a first registered device;  
a context management component, said context management

component adapted to communicate with a first associated device, with said application regarding said first associated device and said first registered device, and with said device management component regarding said first registered device.

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15. The system of claim 14, wherein said application is adapted to send a call to said context management component to configure said first associated device.

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16. The system of claim 14, wherein said context management component is adapted to provide device context information for said first associated device to said application.

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17. The system of claim 14, wherein said context management component is adapted to send device presence information for said first associated device to said device management component.

18. The system of claim 14, wherein said device management component includes a presence and availability service.

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19. The system of claim 14, wherein said system operates in a SIP environment and said first associated device is not registered in said SIP environment and said first registered device is registered in said SIP environment.

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20. The system of claim 14, wherein said device management component does not see said first associated device.

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21. The system of claim 14, wherein said application, said context management component and said device management component operate in a SIP environment and said first registered device is registered in said SIP

environment.

22. An article of manufacture comprising:

5 a computer readable medium having stored thereon instructions which,  
when executed by a processor, cause said processor to:  
    configure a first device as an associated device in a system;  
    receive information regarding a second device from a device  
management component, said second device being registered with said  
system; and  
10 maintain information regarding said first device and said second  
device.

23. An apparatus, comprising:

15 a processor;  
a communication port coupled to said processor and adapted to  
communicate with at least one device; and  
a storage device coupled to said processor and storing  
instructions adapted to be executed by said processor to:  
    configure a first device as an associated device in a system;  
20 receive information regarding a second device from a device  
management component, said second device being registered with said  
system; and  
maintain information regarding said first device and said second  
device.

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